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1. WE NOTE THAT IN REFTTEL (A) ON SEPT 22 MEETING OF AD HOC
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GROUP ON MILITARY AID TO TURKEY, SEVERAL REPS SEEMED TO

FEEL THE NEED FOR A FURTHER US DEFINITION OR CLARIFICATION
RE TRANSFERABILITY TO TURKEY OF CERTAIN MILITARY ITEMS
(E.G., ITALIAN REP'S DESIRE FOR A "CLEAR US STATEMENT").
US REP'S RESPONSE THAT ONLY ITEMS ON LIST THAT CAN BE
TRANSFERRED UNDER EXISTING LEGISLATION ARE THOSE HE HAD
ENUMERATED PER REFTEL (B) WAS CORRECT AND SHOULD BE RE-
STATED SHOULD THERE BE FURTHER QUERIES AND DOUBTS ABOUT
OUR PRESENT POSITION. YOU MAY WISH TO POINT OUT ALSO THAT
THERE ARE OTHER
MUNITIONS ITEMS POSSIBLY NOT ON TURKISH
"URGENT REQUIREMENTS" LIST BUT WHICH CAN BE PURCHASED WITH-
OUT PRIOR USG APPROVAL (REF C).

2. HOWEVER, POINT IN PARA 5 REFTEL (B), SHOULD ALSO BE
STRESSED, I.E., THE SITUATION COULD CHANGE MARKEDLY
WITHIN A FEW DAYS IF THE CONGRESS VOTES FAVORABLY ON S.2230.

WHEN AND IF THAT HAPPENS, QUESTION OF HOW TO GET INFORMA-
TION TO THOSE WHO NEED IT IN VARIOUS CAPITALS WILL BE
ADDRESSED EXPEDITIOUSLY. IT IS A DIFFICULT, CUMBERSOME
EXERCISE AND ALTERNATIVE SUGGESTED REFTEL (A) PS ONE
POSSIBILITY AMONG SEVERAL. IN ANY CASE, WE SEE LITTLE
POINT IN TAKING ACTION AT THIS TIME WHEN CONGRESS IS
DELIBERATING AND FRAME OF REFERENCE MAY CHANGE VERY
SHORTLY.

3. FOR THE MOMENT, WE BELIEVE GUIDANCE SUPPLIED REFTEL (B)
IS ADEQUATE AND CAN BE USED TO BRIEF ALLIED REPS IN NATO
WHO CAN INFORM THEIR GOVERNMENTS AS NECESSARY.

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